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Sir:

On July 6, 2005, applicants through the undersigned, contacted Examiner Emily Le and informed that the Office Action dated May 17, 2005 contained an error, which was not due to applicants' mistake. The correct set of claims was not examined by the Office. On September 2, 2005, the Examiner advised that the Office Action mailed May 17, 2005 will be withdrawn and that a new non-final Office Action will be mailed. The Examiner advised that there is no need to file a reply to the Office Action of May 17, 2005. The Examiner also advised that the deadline for a reply to the new Office Action will start from the mailing date of the new Office Action. This Substance of the Interview is being filed timely, i.e., within 1 month of the Office Communication mailed September 12, 2005.

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